

REMARKS

1-3. Applicant had elected species b, c, e, g, and i. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 22. The Examiner has stated that Claims 2 and 13 appeared to be generic.

Claims 1 (currently amended), 24-28, 31-39, 42-43 and 45 are drawn on species b and i. Claims 29, 30 and 40 are drawn on species b, e and i. Claim 41 is drawn on species b, g and i.

Claim 44 is drawn on non-elected species d. Species c is not shown in the drawings. In addition, non-elected species a, c, f, h and j are not shown in the drawings.

Applicant has extensively amended the claims to more clearly define the present invention. The present claims are now directed only to species b, d, e, g and i.

4. The prior description of the means for rotation no longer appears in the claims.

5. In line 7, of paragraph 0019, "6" has been cancelled and replaced with - - 5- -.

6. Numerals 14, 29 and 43 now appear in the proposed drawing correction submitted with this amendment.

7. The claims have been amended to clarify the language and accordingly a proper antecedent basis exists for the claims as now presented.

8-13. The current claims provide proper antecedent basis for the terminology used.

14-15. Claim 1 (currently amended) is not anticipated by Garand U.S. Patent No. 2,489,283. Claim 1 recites "each said leg sized in length to be substantially completely selectively positionable and housed within said recess" and said bipod movable "from a stored position with said legs substantially completely within said recess" thus clearly distinguishing over Garand '283.

16-17. Claims 24-25 are not obvious in light of the references cited in any appropriate combination because the present invention provides that a plurality of legs that are "substantially completely" within the handle recess as recited in the respective independent claims that claims 24-25 depend from.

Applicant's undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to any final action on the merits to clarify any remaining issue or to discuss any recommended language changes the Examiner may wish to recommend.

Respectfully submitted,


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